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SUMMARY: CHNOUPEK' S VISIT TO BONN ON JUNE 20 WAS A FRIENDLY EASY AFFAIR WITHOUT MUCH SUBSTANCE. INITIALING OF TREATY WAS MAIN EVENT AND THERE WAS LITTLE TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS, ALTHOUGH CHNOUPEK DID PAY A SHORT CALL ON CHANCELLOR BRANDT. CURRENT PLANNING IS THAT BRANDT
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WILL GO TO PRAGUE SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER TO SIGN TREATY AND THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL BE ESTABLPSHED AT THE SAME TIME. A NUMBER OF DETAILS MUST BE WORKED OUT BY THEN, INCLUDING THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON " HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS." END SUMMARY.

1. CZECH DESK OFFICER IN FONOFF TELL US THERE WERE NO HITCHES IN CHNOUPEK VISIT, DESPITE SOME OMINOUS ADVANCE STATEMENTS IN FRG NEWSPAPERS THAT THE CZECHS INTENDED TO RE- OPEN A NUMBER OF POINTS IN TREATY BEFORE THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO INITIAL. NOTHING OF THIS KIND OCCURRED, AND THE TREATY AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WERE INITIALED ON JUNE 20 IN EXACTLY THE FORM THAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE NEGOTIATORS ON MAY 30 (REFTEL).

2. THE GERMANS WERE AGAIN IMPRESSED BY THE REASONABLE-NESS AND GOOD WILL SHOWN BY THE CZECHS. THEY LIKED CHNOUPEK, WHOM MOST OF THEM WERE MEETING FOR THE FIRST TIME. LIKE GOETZ, HE SPEAKS GOOD GERMAN. IT WAS AGAIN EVIDENT, AS IT HAD BEEN DURING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE TREATY, THAT THE CZECHS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THEIR DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FRG AND THAT THEY DO NOT WANT ANY UNDUE DELAY IN THE ENTERING INTO FORCE OF THE TREATY AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH ARE TO OCCUR SIMULTANEOUSLY. THIS CZECH EAGERNESS TO MOVE AHEAD, ALONG WITH THEIR DESIRE TO HAVE BRANDT GO TO PRAGUE FOR THE TREATY SIGNING, PERSUADES THE GERMANS THAT THEY HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LEVERAGE FOR GETTING WHAT THEY WANT OUT OF THE CZECHS IN THE MATTERS THAT REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT, ABOVE ALL THE TEXT OF THE LETTERS ON HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS.

3. FONOFF EXPECTS TO BEGIN NEGOTIATION OF THIS EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IN PRAGUE AROUND THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST. AT ISSUE IS PRIMARILY THE RIGHT OF CZECH CITIZENS OF GERMAN NATIONALITY TO EMIGRATE TO THE FRG OR TO LEAVE THE CSSR TO VISIT RELATIVES IN THE FRG. THE GERMANS, SADDER AND WISER AS A RESULT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH THE EMIGRATION OF ETHNIC GERMANS FROM POLAND, WANT AS CLEAR A COMMITTMENT AS POSSIBLE FROM THE CZECHS. AT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE SAME TIME, THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PROBLEM HAS NOWHERE NEAR THE DIMENSIONS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA THAT IT HAS IN POLAND. THEY CALCULATE THAT THERE REMAIN PERHAPS 25 THOUSAND PERSONS IN THE CSSR WHO WOULD FALL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. THEY ARE FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT A GENEROUS ATTITUDE TO THIS ISSUE WOULD GENERATE RELATIVE-

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LY FEW DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR THE CZECH AUTHORITIES. THEY WANT THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE RED CROSS WILL ACT AS IMPLEMENTING AGENCY.

4. THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS WILL HAVE TO HAVE ITS OWN BERLIN CLAUSE, SINCE THE ALREADY INITIALED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ON EXTENSION TO BERLIN APPLIES ONLY TO ARTICLES 2 AND 5 OF THE TREATY.
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5. ANOTHER MATTER WHICH FRG NEGOTIATORS MUST WORK OUT WITH THE CZECHS IS THE OPENING OF CONSULATES. THE GERMANS ARE IN NO HURRY; INDEED, THEIR INCLINATION IS GENERALLY TO TRY TO CURB THE ENTHUSIASM OF EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES FOR NUMEROUS CONSULATES IN THE FRG. (THE ROMANIANS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN OPENING SEVERAL, BUT ARE BEING GRANTED ONLY ONE, IN MUNICH.) THE GERMANS, ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCES, WILL PROBABLY ALSO AGREE TO ONE CZECH CONSULATE, IN RETURN FOR AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE FRG' S
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RIGHT TO OPEN ONE IN PRESSBURG AT A LATER DATE.

6. THE CZECHS, WHO HAVE ACQUIRED A RATHER SMALL HOUSE IN BONN- BEUL (ACROSS THE RHINE FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE) TO SERVE AS THEIR EMBASSY, HAVE TOLD THE FONOFF THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE ECONOMIC AND TRADE FUNCTIONS OF THEIR EMBASSY IN THE QUARTERS PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE CZECH TRADE MISSION IN FRANKFURT. THE FONOFF IS INCLINED TO SEE IN THIS AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A MULTIPLICITY OF CZECH REPRESENTATIONS IN THE FRG AND WILL ARGUE STRONGLY THAT ALL OF THE EMBASSY' S FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE MOVED TO BONN.
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